



Bus Tours

Crater Lake National Park offers ranger-led programs for bus tours on a staff-available basis. Tours groups may arrange to meet a ranger, who will ride along as the bus circles Crater Lake on the 33 mile Rim Drive.

Your tour will make approximately 3 to 5 stops of about 10 minutes each along the route. This provides views of the lake from several different angles and pullouts. The Cascade mountains to the north and south will also be visible, weather permitting. Topics discussed may include geology, Native American Legends, lake research, and more. Tours may vary slightly in stop locations and information content depending on which ranger leads the tour. The total time of the tour will be approximately two hours.

Making Reservations

Reservations for a ranger to “step on” your bus may be made by telephoning (541)594-3093, by e-mail through the park website (www.nps.gov/crla/contacts.htm) or by mail, writing to:

Crater Lake National Park
PO Box 7
Crater Lake, OR 97604

Tours must be requested at least two weeks prior to your intended visit for scheduling purposes. Reservations will not be accepted with less notice.

Ranger-led tours are available on a staff-available basis only. The Crater Lake National Park staff also reserve the right to cancel any pre-scheduled ranger-led tours due to unforeseen circumstances.

Tour Donation

The bus tour is a special program offered when staffing is available. If you wish to help offset the cost of this program, you may give a donation to

the ranger at the time of the tour. A donation of \$25 in cash or check made out to the National Park Service is acceptable.

Cancellations or Changes

If it is necessary for your group to cancel or modify your visit, please contact the park at least one week prior to the scheduled program by calling (541)594-3093. If the ranger is busy, you will have

the opportunity to leave a voice mail message informing us of your group's name, the date of the tour, and your request to cancel or modify your tour. Let us know, too, if you need to reschedule.

Entrance Fees

The entrance fee structure for commercial vehicles visiting national parks is based on the capacity of the vehicle you arrive in, not the number of passengers. Fees may not be paid in advance.

A “commercial tour” consists of one or more persons travelling on an itinerary that has been packaged, priced, or sold for leisure recreational purposes by an organization that realizes financial gain through the provision of this service.

Fees for commercial vehicles entering Crater Lake National Park:

Capacity of 1 to 6 individuals	\$25.00 + passenger fee
Capacity of 7 to 15 individuals	\$75.00
Capacity of 16 to 25	\$100.00
Capacity of 26 or more individuals	\$200.00

Educational Fee Waivers

If your group is visiting the park as part of a standardized school curriculum, studying geology, botany, or a similar subject, you may qualify for an education fee waiver on the entrance fee only. English-as-a-Second-Language groups do not qualify for the fee waiver.

Requests must be received in the park at least two weeks prior to your departure from the school or community. Approved waivers will be sent to the group leader and must be presented at the entrance station for waived admission. Letters of request must include the date(s) you will be visiting the park, the subject matter area supported by the visit, the age and number of students, the type and number of vehicles, and the group leader's name.

Fee waivers may be requested by sending a letter on school or organization letterhead stationary to:

Fee Collection Supervisor
Crater Lake National Park
P.O. Box 7
Crater Lake, OR 97604

Availability

Bus tours are available from the first week in July through mid-October. Tours begin from the Steel Information Center. There may be days when we do not have staff available and no tours can be scheduled.

Park Map

